

PUBLIC LEDGER



EIGHTH YEAR.

MAYSVILLE, KY., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1899.

ONE CENT.



WEATHER WISE.

What May Be Expected Here During the Next Thirty-six Hours.

THE LEDGER CODE

White snow—fair;
Blue—rain or snow;
Black above—will warmer grow.
Black beneath—colder will be;
If black's not shown no change we'll see.
The above forecast is made for a period of thirty-six hours, ending at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening.

All matter for publication must be handed in before 9 o'clock in the morning of each day.

If you have an item of news please call up THE LEDGER, Telephone 15, and send it in.

Kentucky has 139 registered tobacco factories.

Mrs. George Fleming is very ill at her home in the Fifth Ward.

The State Educational Association will meet in Louisville December 23d.

For fine chocolate candies and fruit tablets call at Ray's Postoffice Drugstore.

Have you a cold? A dose of Cousen's Honey of Tar at bedtime will remove it. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. J. James Wood & Son.

By order of the Postoffice Department at Washington the mail contract between this city and Mt. Olive has been taken away from John Martin. His offense was late arrivals at the Robertson end of the line.

A company of Kentucky State Guards has been organized at Vanceburg, with eighty-seven members. Forty-six of the number were Tuesday mustered in by Lieutenant Joseph K. Dixon.

For something nice in Ebony or Sterling novelties, fine Jewelry, Diamond Ring or Gold Watch go to Clonney's. A beautiful line of Sterling Spoons, Imported China, fine Lamps and Breezes, Opera-glasses and Umbrellas, in fact anything usually found in first-class stock, can be had right here for less money than anywhere in the city.

The stockholders of the Knoxville, Tidewater and Ohio River Branch of the Black Diamond Railroad have been called to meet at Knoxville, Tenn., December 22. Promoter Albert E. Boone and English Syndicate Agent Colonel William Kirby will be there. The meeting will be to settle the difference between Boone and Kirby with respect to the right of way of the Black Diamond route in Tennessee.

This city has been flooded with catalogues with pretended bargains. I will say to those who have received catalogues, bring your catalogues along with you and come to my store. I will duplicate any article shown in same for less money than they offer goods at and you can see the goods and not have to order from pictures.

P. J. MURPHY, the Jeweler.

Good Country Butter. Highest market price paid at H. E. Langdon & Co.'s.

THE BEE HIVE.

WE ARE READY FOR Holiday Shoppers

No matter if you are looking for the practical or ornamental in the way of a Christmas gift, you'll find it here in great profusion and variety and always at bargain prices. Our line of foreign fancy wares are our own direct importations and all domestic goods were purchased direct from the makers insuring you prices that cannot be met by ordinary retail stores.

Mirrors. Albums. Chinaware.

These articles comprise both useful and ornamental qualities. We have pretty, odd-shaped mirrors in silver or gilt frames from 15c to \$3.50. Magnificent albums, always a suitable gift, bound in celluloid and plush, from 89c to \$2.95. In chinaware we are showing the daintiest of Tea Trays, Ash Receivers, Puff Boxes, Jewel Cases and Vases from 5c to \$1.50.

Christmas Cloaks and Collarettes

We know of no more appropriate Yuletide gift than a stylish Jacket or Cape or a jaunty fur Collarette. Our prices are made to suit the purses of gift purchasers. Splendid all wool Jersey Jackets, in all colors, from \$3.75 to \$15.95. Seal and Martin Collarettes, with mouflon or astrachan trimming, are priced from \$1.99 to \$10.95. Plush Capes with fur trimming from \$1.98 to \$15.00. If you are Christmas shopping you'll save money by calling on us.

ROSENAU BROS.,

KINGS OF LOW PRICES.

PROPRIETORS BEE HIVE

See Ray's line of Xmas goods.

An excellent Christmas talk in Hunt's ad. It's worth reading.

Miss Mabel McDowell and Mr. M. Holt Kendall marry this afternoon at Flemingsburg.

Mr. George Hensel and Miss Birdie Carter, both of Vanceburg, were married a few days ago.

Yesterday having been set for the trial of Dick Coleman, and the citizens having saved the Court that trouble, the Court adjourned until next Monday.

Hon. James Robert Spurgeon of this city, Secretary of the United States Legation at Monrovia, Liberia, has this LEDGER's thanks for a copy of The Liberia Recorder of date October 23, 1899. It contains an account of the arrival at Monrovia of the American warship Montgomery—the first visit by a United States Naval vessel since 1884.

The latest in Toilet Sets at Ray's.

New Christmas suggestions every day in Hunt's ad. Read them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carpenter celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of their wedding last evening at Cincinnati.

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, scalds, bruised shins, sore throat, and sores of every kind, apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. J. James Wood & Son.

Wanted.

Good Country Butter. Highest market price paid at H. E. Langdon & Co.'s.

Houses For Rent.

Several centrally located and very desirable houses for rent; terms reasonable and rent low. Apply to HARRY C. CURRAN, Masonic Temple Building.

BURNING OF DICK COLEMAN!

Awful Vengeance For One of the Most Atrocious Crimes in Mason County's History.

A FULL RESUME OF THE FACTS IN THE CASE.

THE LEDGER yesterday gave a brief account of the tragic fate that befell Dick Coleman, the Negro slave who so brutally outraged and murdered Mrs. James Lashbrooke in this county on the 5th of October last.

Now that time affords, it may be worth the while, as an object lesson for future Courts and Juries, to enter into fuller details of the awful tragedy.

The history of Coleman's fiendish crime is still fresh in the minds of LEDGER readers—how Mr. Lashbrooke had befriended the Negro; how he had given him a home and trusted him to assist Mrs. Lashbrooke about the housework; how Mrs. Lashbrooke, according to Coleman's own confession, "had been good to him;" and how, on that fateful afternoon in October, she had just returned from a shopping tour in this city to meet a tragic end; how this brutal Negro had upon a plausible pretext enticed her into a cabin, locking the door after she had entered, and whose response to her inquiry as to why he did it was a blow on the head with a club, stunning her into insensibility; how he then accomplished his hellish purpose; and how he afterward made doubly sure of his poor victim's death by cutting her throat with a razor and crushing her skull with an axe; and with what cool deliberation he notified Mr. Lashbrooke that "something must have happened to Miss Mollie"—playing the innocent so skillfully that the heartbroken husband could not believe that his informant was the author of all his woes.

The murder was not discovered until about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and a few hours later Coleman was arrested and lodged in Jail in this city, where he shortly afterward made a full and complete confession of his awful deed to a LEDGER representative, detailing the minutest circumstances, and leaving not the shadow of a doubt as to his guilt.

This confession was printed in THE LEDGER on October 6th.

The horrid deed so incensed the people of the county against Coleman that an attempt was made to take him out of Jail, which only failed for the want of a determined leader, and the morning following he was removed to Covington for safe keeping.

Between that time and this there has been a strong undercurrent of feeling, with occasional outspoken threats, tending to show that as criminals had so long and so frequently gone unpunished, the people were loth to trust a Jury to deal with this wretch.

Judge Harbeson had set yesterday for the trial, and the Sheriff and a Deputy had gone to Covington to bring the prisoner here.

They reached the C. and O. Station shortly after 10 o'clock, being joined by a squad of Deputy Sheriffs and the police force of the city.

There was quite a crowd present at the train, which grew rapidly as the procession moved toward the Courthouse.

When Court street was reached people flocked into it from both ends, and when the officers and prisoner were within about fifty yards of the Courthouse there was a rush for the victim. Several of the officers made resistance, but before they could do anything the crowd had Coleman some distance away, with so many people between them and the officers that they were never again able to get within hailing distance.

Down Court and East on Second went the crowd with Coleman at its head, the surging mass now numbering fully 2,000, which, before the final destination was reached, had increased to at least 3,000.

Passing over Second to Bridge the procession moved over the C. and O. Railway tracks, as many thought for the purpose of swinging Coleman off the bridge over Limestone; but this program was abandoned, and the crowd started across the L. and N. extension, where a short consultation was held.

At this halt it was decreed that Coleman should be burned, and as no fit place was at hand the line of march was resumed.

Crossing the main tracks of the L. and N. the prisoner was taken into the hollow just South of the Roundhouse.

Here he was tied to a bunch of small trees, which he was able to sway at pleasure, and in his struggles he fell over, bending the bushes down with him.

Meantime he had been stripped of his pants, and it is said pepper had been thrown into his eyes—as he explained in his confession that the package of pepper found in his possession was intended to be thrown into Mrs. Lashbrooke's eyes.

While this was going on willing hands were pulling dry weeds and carrying stout sticks of wood for the funeral pyre, and these were quickly piled upon and about the prostrate form of the miserable wretch.

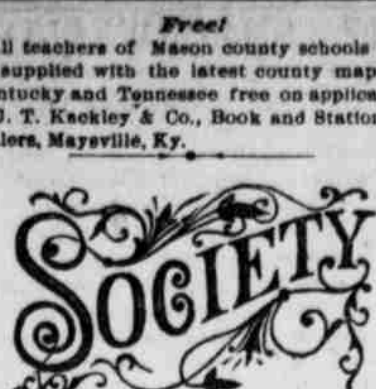
The match was applied and soon the flames enveloped his body. His tortuous writhings were pitiful to behold, and yet no shriek escaped his lips. His only utterances were when he once called for water, and again, after he had been terribly burned, when he raised his head and body and in response to the question, "What have you to say?" he replied, "Take this fire out of my face and I will tell you." A moment later he fell back into the fire—and there he literally roasted to death.

Soon as assured of the death of Coleman the crowd gradually dispersed, though hundreds lingered about the spot all afternoon—many women being attracted by that morbid curiosity which is past all understanding.

The persons engaged were in no sense a "mob;" they were resolute, yet orderly; there was no rabble, but a multitude of substantial farmers and earnest citizens. There was no attempt to disguise the actors or their purpose, and the bright sunshine seemed a benediction.

It was fortunate, indeed, that no military guard had been sent with the prisoner, else today, instead of Dick Coleman's death alone, there might have been a dozen households in mourning for innocent victims—for surely as the sunrise it was the determination to do just what was done, and at any cost.

It was an awful thing to see such vengeance wreaked upon a human being; but when you know that inside of thirty-five years there have been a hundred murders committed in Mason county, and not a single murderer has been hung; when you know a few dollars, a slick lawyer and a Jury of ignoramus are all that is necessary to acquit any bloody-handed villain;—when you know these things, how can you blame people for seeking that protection which the Courts have so long denied?



Free!
All teachers of Mason county schools will be supplied with the latest county maps of Kentucky and Tennessee free on application to J. T. Keckley & Co., Book and Stationery dealers, Maysville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Powers pleasantly entertained Saturday evening, December 2d, 1899, in honor of their guests, Miss Nellie Perkins of Bladston and Miss Maria Smith of Brookville. The host and hostess are surely capable of entertaining their young friends, taking every possible way to make the evening enjoyable. Those who responded to the invitations were Miss Anna Osborne of Moransburg, Miss Sudie Emmons of Fernleaf, Miss Nellie Perkins of Bladston, Bracken county; Miss Marie Smith of Brookville, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Gibbons of Germantown; Mr. Garrett and Mr. Forest Sidwell of Washington, Mr. August Reubenacher and Will Harrison of Beta Lane, Paddy Seaborn of Fernleaf, W. O. Harfor of Dexter, James R. Owens of Murphysville, Leonard Tucker of Cedar Point. The main feature of the evening was Mr. Gearson's cakewalk, which was enjoyed by all.

MAY INTEREST YOU.

List of Letters Awaiting Claimants at the Maysville Postoffice.

Below is a list of letters remaining uncalled for at the city Postoffice for the week ending December 6th, 1899:

Brown, Mrs. Alice	Kraiz, Miss Lulu
Carpenter, Miss Ollie Smith	Mrs. Sallie Cooper, Mrs. C. E. Whaley, Thos. Keller, Mrs. Anna

One cent due on each of above.
Persons calling for these letters will please say that they are advertised.
CLARENCE MATHEWS, P. M.

The disposition of children largely depends upon health. If they are troubled with worms, they will be irritable, cross, feverish and perhaps seriously sick. White's Cream Vermifuge is a worm expeller and also to make them healthy and cheerful. Price 25 cts. J. James Wood & Son.

"TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMP!"

How Rapidly the Brave Boys of '61 Are Marching to the Grave.

The following vital statistics, prepared by Colonel F. C. Ainsworth, Chief of the Record and Pension Division of the War Department, show the number of Union soldiers and sailors now surviving, and calculations based on the most careful insurance mortality tables as to the number who will be alive in the years named up to 1940, when about 300, it is estimated, will form the remnant:

Year.	Survivors.	Year.	Survivors.
1899	1,322,418	1939	605,832
1900	1,299,339	1940	593,231
1901	1,276,260	1941	580,629
1902	1,253,181	1942	568,027
1903	1,230,102	1943	555,425
1904	1,207,023	1944	542,823
1905	1,183,944	1945	530,221
1906	1,160,865	1946	517,619
1907	1,137,786	1947	505,017
1908	1,114,707	1948	492,415
1909	1,091,628	1949	479,813
1910	1,068,549	1950	467,211

The whole number of men furnished by the states during the Civil War was 2,778,304.

Wedding Gifts.

Many of our new fall purchases are in. Even if they were not you'd have no trouble selecting something from our large and varied stock that would please the most exacting. Sterling Silverware, Cut Glass, artistic Bric-a-Brac from all the celebrated patterns in Europe, beautiful Lamps, Pictures and ever so many things that we have not space to mention. Come in and see how well you can be suited for a small amount of money.

BALLENGER, Jeweler and Optician.

Pure Saltpetre, Pepper and Crushed Sage at Chonoweth's Drugstore.

President Taggart and the C. and O. Inspection party are expected to pass over the line this week.

In sluggish liver, Hordine, by its beneficial action upon the biliary tract, renders the bile more fluid, and brings the liver into a sound, healthy condition, thereby banishing the sense of drowsiness, lethargy, and the general feeling of apathy which arise from disorders of the liver. Price 50 cts. J. James Wood & Son.

Ladies, clean your kid gloves with LaBelle Glove Cleaner, for sale only by D. Hunt & Son, headquarters for Kid Gloves and sole agents for the famous one dollar Fedora Glove, all the leading shades. Gloves guaranteed from \$1 upward.

Blood Poison and Cancer Cured by B. B. B. Trial Bottle Sent Free.

Deadly Cancer of the face, neck, legs, hip, eating cancer or sores, cured by B. B. B.—Botanic Blood Balm. B. B. B. cures by driving the deadly virulent poison, which causes cancer, out of the blood. This is the only cure and B. B. B. is the only remedy that can do this. In the same way B. B. B. cures Blood Poison whether inherited or acquired, producing ulcers, painful swellings, blotches, pimples, copper-colored spots, falling of the hair, sores in the throat or tongue, scrofula. B. B. B. has made hundreds of permanent cures, and is a thoroughly tested powerful Blood Remedy. Cures where all else fails. Tested for 20 years. To prove its curative powers, we send a sample bottle free to any one who writes for it. Large bottles for sale by all druggists for \$1, or 6 bottles (full treatment) \$6. For sample bottle address Blood Balm Co., 19 Mitchell St., Atlanta, Ga.

It Will Be the Handsomest Clothing Store In the State.

It is no longer a secret that our landlords have contracted for the improvement of our storerooms.

When done they will favorably compare with the finest in the state—not finer, however, than their contents. This is no longer left for us to say, for good, honest, up-to-date Clothing and Shoes "Go to Hechinger's" is the advice from neighbor to neighbor. There is a distinctiveness in our merchandise that makes it "unique."

None Like Them in the Town.

Now to "Business." We have four weeks left to unload, if not the entire stock at least enough of it to give the workmen sufficient room to get around the place when they begin to tear down, which will be about the 15th of January. We cannot hope to accomplish the unloading without extra inducements to the purchaser. We are going to induce you to help us unload. We know of no plainer way to convince you that we are in earnest than this proposal: Go into any clothing house in or out of town, price their merchandise, then look at and price ours. That will tell the story of the unloading of our stock to make room for the improvements.

Hechinger & Co.

FRIDAY'S CASH SALE.

Christmas

With its perplexing worry of "What to give" is fast approaching. With a view to helping a solution of the vexed question we procured a special lot of \$1.

Kid Gloves 69c.

Which we place on our counters Friday. They are under seam, fine flexible kid, two patent clasps, narrow embroidery in black or self-colored stitching. Black, mode tan, gray, brown, English red. All sizes. A first water bargain that needs but be seen to win your approval.

BOOKS! FOR PRESENTS

The most complete showing we have ever made. Chosen with a view to suiting all tastes and all fancies. How cheap? Next to nothing a piece—and such a range of titles as will interest hundreds. These books in just this form sell regularly for 35c., but we ask only 15c. A fine chance to stock up with winter reading. These bargain books are the first light of retailing Friday morning.

D. HUNT & SON.